

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus that outputs image data for representing a water surface in virtual space, said apparatus comprising:

| a land object generator ~~generating means for~~ generating a land object representing a land portion;

| a water surface object generator ~~generating means for~~ generating a water surface object representing a water surface portion that is larger than a water surface area to be displayed and has an undulating shape fixed to a predetermined area;

| an object placing portion ~~means for~~ determining a place position of each object so that said water surface object meets said land object in a portion of said predetermined area;

| an object moving portion ~~means for~~ moving the place position of said water surface object so that said portion meeting with said land object is changed within said predetermined area; and

| an image data outputter ~~outputting means for~~ outputting the image data for representing the virtual space with each placed object.

2. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said object moving portion ~~means~~ moves the place position of said water surface object so that said water surface object makes a linearly or curved, reciprocating motion.

3. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said object moving portion ~~means~~ moves the place position of said water surface object so that said water surface object makes a circular motion or an elliptical motion.

4. (Original) The image processing apparatus according claim 1, wherein
said water surface object has a flat surface on a portion except said predetermined area, the portion not meeting with said land object.

5. (Currently Amended) The image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

when a pattern is pasted on a surface of said water surface object,
said object moving portion ~~means~~ moves a pasting position of the pattern in a direction reverse to a direction of moving said water surface object by an amount equal to an amount of moving said water surface object ~~thereof~~.

6. (Original) An image processing program for executing, on a computer, a procedure of outputting image data for representing a water surface in virtual space, said program comprising:

a land object generating step of generating a land object representing a land portion;

a water surface object generating step of generating the water surface object representing a water surface portion that is larger than a water surface area to be displayed and has an undulating shape fixed to a predetermined area;

a determining step of determining a place position of each object so that said water surface object meets said land object in a portion of said predetermined area;

a moving step of moving the place position of said water surface object so that said a portion meeting with said land object is changed within said predetermined area;
and

an outputting step of outputting the image data for representing the virtual space with each placed object.

7. (Original) The image processing program according to claim 6, wherein
said moving step moves the place position of said water surface object so that said water surface object makes a linearly or curved, reciprocating motion.

8. (Original) The image processing program according to claim 6, wherein
said moving step moves the place position of said water surface object so that said water surface object makes a circular motion or an elliptical motion.

9. (Original) The image processing program according to claim 6, wherein,
said water surface object has a flat surface on a portion except said predetermined area, the portion not meeting with said land object.

10. (Currently Amended) The image processing program according to claim 6,
wherein

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when a pattern is pasted on a surface of said water surface object,

said moving step moves a pasting position of the pattern in a direction reverse to a

direction of moving said water surface object by an amount equal to an amount of

moving said water surface object thereof.